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To require the Secretary of Homeland Security to conduct a program in the maritime environment for the mobile biometric identification of suspected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border security.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. BILIRAKIS (for himself, Mr. BILBRAY, Mr. ROONEY, and Mr. BRADY of Pennsylvania) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Homeland Security

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. MARITIME BIOMETRIC IDENTIFICATION.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than one year after the
5 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of Home-
6 land Security shall conduct, in the maritime environment,
7 a program for the mobile biometric identification of sus-

1 pected individuals, including terrorists, to enhance border
2 security and for other purposes.

3 (b) REQUIREMENTS.—The Secretary shall ensure the
4 program described in subsection (a) is coordinated with
5 other biometric identification programs within the Depart-
6 ment of Homeland Security.

7 (c) COST ANALYSIS.—Not later than 90 days after
8 the date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary shall
9 submit to the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
10 mittee on Homeland Security of the House of Representa-
11 tives and the Committee on Appropriations and the Com-
12 mittee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs
13 of the Senate an analysis of the cost of expanding the De-
14 partment’s biometric identification capabilities for use by
15 departmental maritime assets considered appropriate by
16 the Secretary. The analysis may include a tiered plan for
17 the deployment of the program described in subsection (a)
18 that gives priority to vessels and units more likely to en-
19 counter individuals suspected of making unlawful border
20 crossings through the maritime environment.

21 (d) DEFINITION.—For the purposes of this section,
22 the term “biometric identification” means the use of fin-
23 gerprint and digital photography images.

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